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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES¹

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month

period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells
Completed as Reported

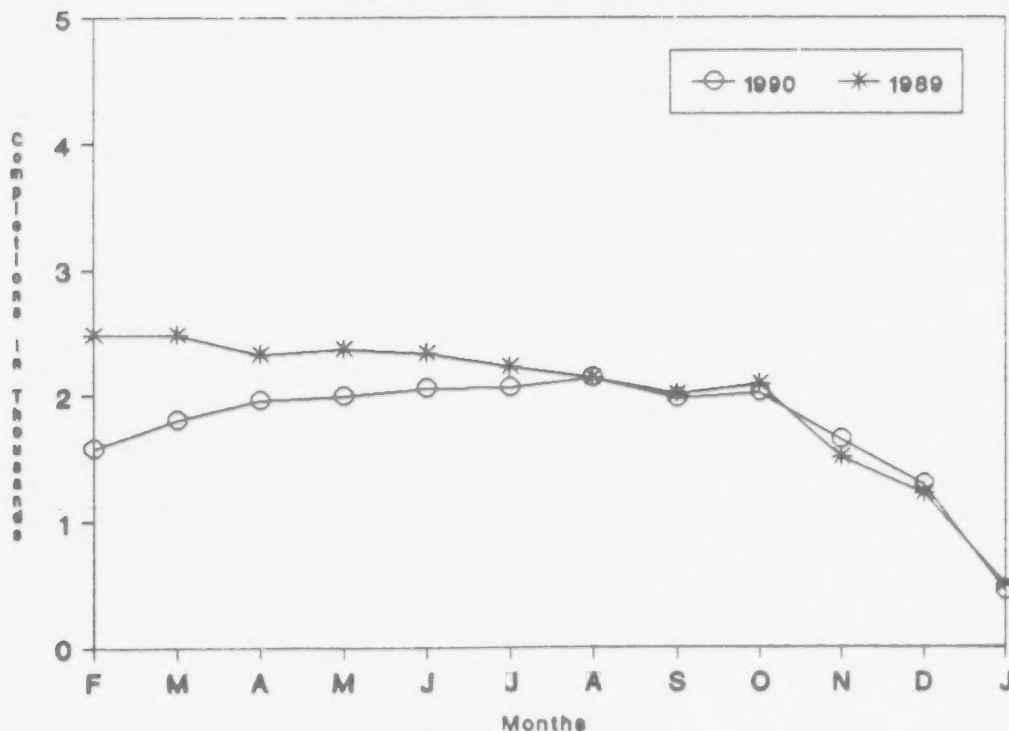


TABLE 1: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JANUARY 26, 1990¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS ⁴	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1990	127	482,161	42	207,893	271	1,551,317	440	2,241,371	450	2,270,023
1990: JAN	127	482,161	42	207,893	271	1,551,317	440	2,241,371	450	2,270,023
TOTAL 1989	8,440	36,059,600	6,893	36,782,661	7,321	38,126,359	22,654	110,968,620	23,160	112,805,147
1989: DEC	456	1,938,913	272	1,687,663	556	3,011,127	1,284	6,637,703	1,308	6,718,673
NOV	612	2,766,630	425	2,498,296	610	3,235,639	1,647	8,500,565	1,692	8,681,053
OCT	736	3,231,945	574	2,995,173	706	3,527,775	2,016	9,754,893	2,056	9,925,170
SEP	713	3,138,635	639	3,251,714	626	3,349,899	1,978	9,740,248	2,002	9,851,456
AUG	804	3,183,798	691	3,491,965	643	3,321,008	2,138	9,996,771	2,205	10,200,869
JUL	755	3,076,649	665	3,411,790	648	3,247,290	2,068	9,735,729	2,119	9,928,623
JUN	756	3,343,770	647	3,146,702	649	3,293,422	2,052	9,783,894	2,083	9,878,021
MAY	803	3,286,522	568	2,962,668	624	3,066,595	1,995	9,315,785	2,036	9,442,892
APR	814	3,260,499	544	3,001,903	604	3,230,184	1,962	9,492,586	2,003	9,636,307
MAR	648	2,826,504	585	3,252,970	567	2,950,194	1,800	9,029,668	1,855	9,247,780
FEB	553	2,412,422	577	3,317,249	445	2,482,919	1,575	8,212,590	1,603	8,344,061
JAN	790	3,593,313	706	3,764,568	643	3,410,307	2,139	10,768,188	2,198	10,951,242
TOTAL 1988	12,809	55,805,507	8,008	42,781,344	9,755	51,417,038	30,572	150,003,889	31,494	152,882,879
1988: DEC	779	3,504,664	776	4,060,551	738	4,086,408	2,293	11,651,623	2,356	11,892,506
NOV	776	3,415,408	729	3,896,425	699	3,820,826	2,204	11,132,659	2,256	11,256,799
OCT	950	4,260,570	798	3,957,177	910	4,647,715	2,658	12,865,462	2,732	13,055,258
SEP	927	4,311,443	777	3,919,430	802	4,188,506	2,506	12,419,379	2,574	12,675,587
AUG	1,009	3,914,458	675	3,333,455	862	4,566,693	2,546	11,814,606	2,614	12,047,728
JUL	1,038	4,468,118	625	3,303,933	836	4,464,456	2,499	12,236,507	2,559	12,413,765
JUN	1,158	4,805,775	621	3,316,259	852	4,244,683	2,631	12,366,717	2,703	12,629,428
MAY	1,182	4,934,424	561	3,000,022	849	4,254,254	2,592	12,188,700	2,693	12,503,401
APR	1,187	5,248,498	531	3,109,450	785	4,224,868	2,503	12,582,816	2,588	12,872,436
MAR	1,250	5,469,513	619	3,597,616	782	4,161,593	2,651	13,228,722	2,761	13,532,063
FEB	1,228	5,408,528	637	3,574,897	751	4,146,020	2,616	13,129,445	2,723	13,411,890
JAN	1,325	6,064,108	659	3,712,129	889	4,611,016	2,873	14,387,253	2,935	14,592,018
TOTAL 1987	15,935	64,813,289	7,728	41,018,488	11,147	54,051,048	34,810	159,882,825	35,690	162,869,067
TOTAL 1986	18,612	74,622,724	8,110	43,199,384	12,436	59,926,432	39,158	177,748,540	39,995	180,378,758

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES
BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF JANUARY 26, 1990¹

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1990	10	80,844	2	8,383	151	901,277	163	990,504
1990: JAN	10	80,844	2	8,383	151	901,277	163	990,504
TOTAL 1989	516	3,075,720	533	3,511,432	3,607	19,903,451	4,656	26,490,603
1989: DEC	28	180,522	20	129,581	292	1,565,022	340	1,875,125
NOV	29	197,979	29	158,014	316	1,803,796	374	2,159,789
OCT	31	186,577	33	213,188	352	1,890,019	416	2,289,784
SEP	62	345,594	45	244,343	312	1,752,489	419	2,342,426
AUG	50	243,710	51	367,046	292	1,671,721	393	2,282,477
JUL	47	290,263	49	338,382	300	1,753,119	396	2,381,764
JUN	41	232,406	53	344,526	311	1,636,893	405	2,213,825
MAY	36	247,221	48	320,518	314	1,603,488	398	2,171,227
APR	59	339,871	46	269,593	276	1,531,271	381	2,140,735
MAR	47	316,871	48	322,653	281	1,523,538	376	2,163,062
FEB	40	232,961	48	363,257	238	1,390,737	326	1,986,955
JAN	46	261,745	63	440,331	323	1,781,358	432	2,483,434
TOTAL 1988	808	4,899,078	684	4,631,881	4,657	26,718,521	6,149	36,249,480
1988: DEC	58	356,934	65	400,417	393	2,364,008	516	3,121,359
NOV	58	330,943	62	402,746	368	2,142,602	488	2,876,291
OCT	66	422,412	77	479,548	461	2,520,169	604	3,422,129
SEP	72	448,663	48	318,291	369	2,160,583	489	2,927,537
AUG	55	292,471	46	257,380	414	2,335,308	515	2,885,159
JUL	70	399,129	59	396,296	405	2,264,328	534	3,059,753
JUN	70	426,185	62	431,865	389	2,180,586	521	3,038,636
MAY	54	343,346	60	465,277	387	2,079,343	501	2,887,966
APR	84	559,551	61	410,528	358	1,973,691	503	2,943,770
MAR	65	387,156	44	318,839	369	2,179,127	478	2,885,122
FEB	74	487,356	51	395,742	355	2,160,801	480	3,043,899
JAN	82	444,932	49	354,952	389	2,357,975	520	3,157,859
TOTAL 1987	894	5,297,637	692	4,569,291	5,141	27,150,393	6,727	37,017,321
TOTAL 1986	994	5,969,425	754	5,129,864	5,457	29,873,710	7,205	40,972,999

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS¹ BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR
REPORTED TO THE API DURING JANUARY 1990

	OIL WELLS ²		GAS WELLS ³		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁴ CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1990	127	482,161	42	207,893	271	1,551,317	440	2,241,371	450	2,270,023
1990: JAN	127	482,161	42	207,893	271	1,551,317	440	2,241,371	450	2,270,023
TOTAL 1989	703	3,270,181	734	3,854,284	431	2,255,125	1,868	9,379,590	1,913	9,555,402
1989: DEC	306	1,493,077	212	1,396,926	261	1,502,546	779	4,392,549	797	4,458,510
NOV	166	864,131	162	960,649	64	324,573	392	2,149,353	412	2,234,191
OCT	97	434,495	136	595,445	40	179,391	273	1,209,331	280	1,234,344
SEP	44	188,672	77	336,657	11	59,114	132	584,443	132	584,443
AUG	24	76,859	52	182,026	5	18,478	81	277,363	81	277,363
JUL	28	86,936	31	123,163	14	60,114	73	270,213	73	270,213
JUN	14	44,769	23	86,374	10	40,609	47	171,752	47	171,752
MAY	9	23,499	8	31,942	11	37,129	28	92,570	28	92,570
APR	6	28,235	5	15,123	8	12,704	19	56,062	19	56,062
MAR	2	8,135	9	39,056	2	3,240	13	50,431	13	50,431
FEB	5	17,960	8	40,709	0	0	13	58,669	13	58,669
JAN	2	3,413	11	46,214	5	17,227	18	66,854	18	66,854
TOTAL 1988	37	202,563	57	321,576	34	121,512	128	645,651	130	655,572
1988: DEC	5	30,678	9	38,350	7	31,810	21	100,838	22	102,248
NOV	3	19,410	12	71,348	4	17,881	19	108,639	19	108,639
OCT	1	10,280	10	39,907	1	2,600	12	52,787	12	52,787
SEP	3	17,823	11	59,065	5	14,141	19	91,029	20	99,540
AUG	7	34,759	0	0	2	5,900	9	40,659	9	40,659
JUL	5	18,666	1	13,497	3	13,980	9	46,143	9	46,143
JUN	7	26,358	0	0	3	15,090	10	41,448	10	41,448
MAY	1	11,164	2	4,597	1	1,050	4	16,811	4	16,811
APR	0	0	3	31,370	1	270	4	31,640	4	31,640
MAR	1	4,755	1	2,700	4	13,330	6	20,785	6	20,785
FEB	2	24,610	4	10,435	1	505	7	35,550	7	35,550
JAN	2	4,060	4	50,307	2	4,955	8	59,322	8	59,322
TOTAL 1987	52	133,328	29	137,235	65	96,919	146	367,482	148	374,163
YRS PRIOR TO 1987	162	603,404	92	737,285	142	255,398	396	1,596,087	400	1,610,227
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED ⁵	1,081	4,691,637	954	5,258,273	943	4,280,271	2,978	14,230,181	3,041	14,465,387

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of January 26, 1990. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.
2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.
3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.
2. See footnote (2) above.
3. See footnote (3) above.
4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.
5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period December 30, 1989 through January 26, 1990. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.